# Illegal drug used in Health Center

**Caroline Young**

Daprisal, a drug discontinued in 1972 by its manufacturer after notice from the federal Food and Drug Administration, is still being prescribed illegally for patients of SF State's Student Health Center.

Several pharmacists surveyed by *Phoenix* said the compound of barbituates, amphetamines, aspirin, and a pain reliever (phenacetin) had an effective shelf life of one to four years. Beyond that time, the aspirin component could disintegrate into acidic acid, possible causing stomach irritation to a user, it was confirmed by two medical experts.

Daprisal was voluntarily pulled off the market five years ago.

The action was taken after a similar drug combination was declared to be not "effective for its intended use," said FDA's San Francisco compliance officer Rod Chu. Daprisal was prescribed to a *Phoenix* reporter to relieve pain of menstrual cramps as recently as Oct. 22, 1976.

It was manufactured by Smith, Kline and French, a Pennsylvania pharmaceutical firm, and has been available for 20 to 30 years.

" 'Not effective for its intended use' means the drug does not fulfill the particular purpose it was prescribed for," said Stephen Gross, another San Francisco FDA compliance officer.

"The combination of barbituates and amphetamines is an irrational mixture," he said. "Individually, the drugs could serve a specific purpose, but not in a combination."

"Every drug has use indications," said Ray Mlecko, director of the Compliance Branch of the FDA in Seattle, Washington. "It means it is not effective for its labeled usage."

"The government took class action about reviewing combinations of barbituates and amphetamines," he said. "Drugs similar to the ones being studied are called 'me-too's'. They are more or less copies of other drugs. These were taken off the market, too."

Among the "me-too's" was Daprisal.

Dr. Eugene Bossi, director of Student Health Services, and James Wong, the Health Center pharmacist, confirmed that Daprisal is still being distributed to SF State patients. Bossi said the drug will continue to be made available for prescription.

He also said he doesn't think it is illegal to dispense Daprisal.

"We wouldn't be using the drug if it is illegal," said Bossi. "Who would be so stupid?

"Until I personally communicate with the FDA, I'll stand on what I said," according to Bossi. "My consultant (Dr. Frederick Meyers, an M.D. and PhD. in pharmacology at U.C. Berkeley) does not corroborate the information that you have," including the illegality of use of Daprisal, he said.

Bossi contends that the drug does not deteriorate at all while in the solid, pill state prescribed at the health center.

James Wong said, "We're allowed to finish off what we have left. When we run out of stock, we'll stop using it. That may be by the end of this semester, or, by the latest, the end of this year."

Wong said he knows the drug is no longer manufactured because of FDA

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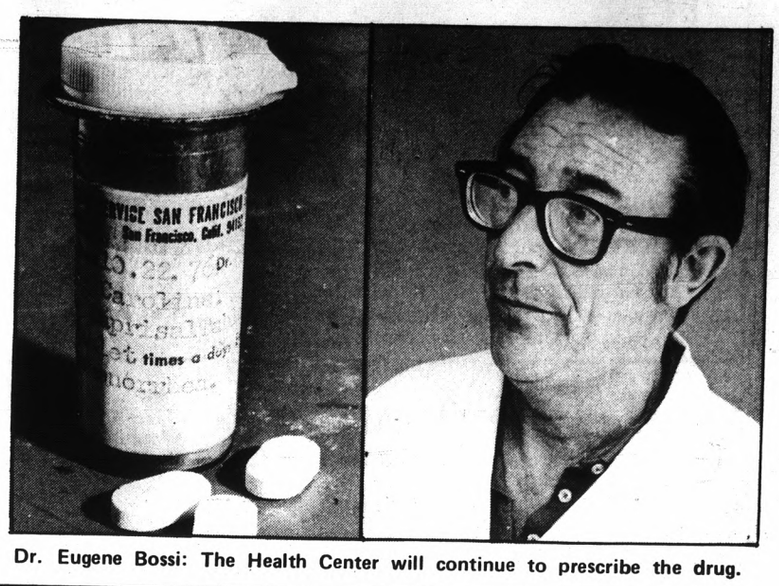

**Dr. Eugene Bossi: The Health Center will continue to prescribe the drug.**


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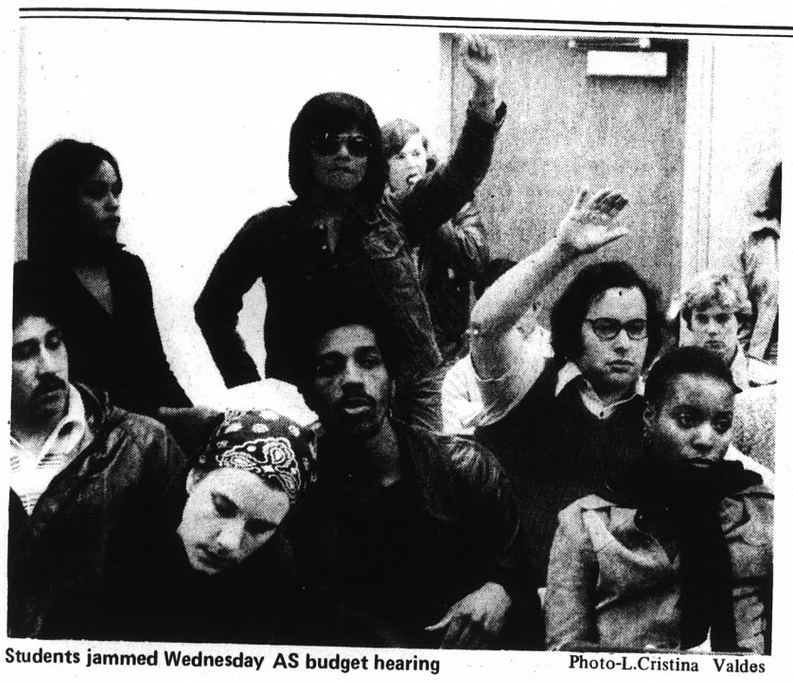

**Students jammed Wednesday AS budget hearing** Photo-L.Cristina Valdes

***Budget goes to legislature***

# AS officers slash IR funds

**Kathy Waterman**

The Associated Students executive officers have recommended that AS funding for all inter-collegiate athletic expenses except insurance be cut off next year.

The recommendation, if endorsed by the AS in its current budget deliberations, is expected to trigger a major confrontation with SF State's administration.

AS President Thabiti Mtambuzi and other executive officers, in their 1977-78 budget recommendations to the AS Legislature, also asked that funding for all other instructionally-related (IR) activities be stopped.

Besides athletics, IR activities include the Model United Nations, forensics, Ethnic Studies productions, literary magazines and some Creative Arts activities.

Last year, all campus IR activities received about $77,000 from the AS. The largest portion -- $65,450 -- went to athletics.

The IR request for next year, compiled by university Provost Donald Garrity and submitted to the AS last month was $130,258, including $77,892 for athletics.

The AS executive recommendation omitted all IR funding except for $20,000 designated for athletic insurance.

Mtambuzi, Vice President Daima Mtangulizi, Treasurer Michael Greenwood and General Manager Jose Rodrigues were members of the executive committee that submitted budget recommendations to the legislature at a lengthy meeting yesterday.

The $20,000 for insurance was included because the state education code says that the cost of the insurance must be paid by an auxiliary organization as assigned by the trustees, said a member of the executive committee.

The AS on this campus is the designated organization so it's a legal reason, the member said.

Although Creative Arts was included in Garrity's $130,258 request, its funding for the past two years has come from the state.

In recent years, the state has given recognition to some activities as being instructionally-related and has provided some funds for them.

The portion of state funds which the university receives has fluctuated a little above $32,000 the past two years and has been used for the Creative Arts activities, according to Richard Giardina, associate provost.

At yesterday's five-hour meeting, Mtambuzi said that by not funding IR activities, the AS could pressure the state to increase its share of IR payments. Otherwise, he said, AS funding of these activities could go on indefinitely.

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# Major cutbacks for AS programs

**Frank Inferrera**

Student organizations will be getting more money and several Associated Students programs much less if the proposed AS budget for next year is approved.

The AS Legislature decided yesterday to postpone a vote on the budget until next Wednesday.

The legislature acted after hearing complaints from the audience at its budget review hearing yesterday. Some people said they had not been informed of the hearing in time to adequately prepare their arguments for more funding.

The legislature members also voted to hold budget hearings on Friday, Monday and Wednesday.

When asked from the floor how the legislature can get through all of the organizations and programs in time for the vote, speaker Eddie Hackett said, "I think we're expecting a miracle."

There are more than 50 programs and organizations which requested AS funding. Each will be alotted five minutes to speak at the budget hearings.

The proposed budget was drawn up by AS President Thabiti Mtambuzi, Vice President Daima Mtangulizi, Treasurer Michael Greenwood and General Manager Jose Rodrigues.

"The budget has not been prepared," Mtambuzi told the legislature last night. "This is a recommendation from the executive to the legislative branch on how I think the budget should look," he said.

The proposed budget, totaling $491,100, is divided between operating expenses, student organizations, programs and instructionally-related activities.

Office expense allocations are up from $52,046.50 this year to $55,720 for 1977-78. Corporate expenses, such as the salary for the executive secretary,

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# *Bloom wins by landslide vote*

**Terry Jacobs**

Former Associated Students Chief Justice Barry Bloom is returning to office following last week's overwhelming vote to reinstate him.

The vote by students on March 14 and 15 overturned a February AS Board of Directors' decision which ousted Bloom and three other student members of the Judicial Court.

The vote overturned a board decision making the terms of AS presidential appointes coterminous (expiring at the same time as the term of the president who appointed them).

Bloom, who was appointed by former AS President LeMond Goodloe, was forced to leave office after the decision.

"It would seem as if the student body felt that by rejecting the board's decision, they were asserting themselves," said Jamaal Abdul-Rahim, chairman of the AS Elections Committee.

According to AS tabulations, 2,025 students voted, with 1,714 voting to reinstate Bloom and 309 supporting the board action. Two votes were invalid.

"I don't think the policy passed by the board was reflective of the concerns of the general student body," Bloom said. "That is born out by the fact that 85 per cent of the people who voted rejected the policy."

Following Bloom's ouster, he and his supporters organized a petition drive calling for a special election on the issue. Under its constitution, the AS is required to schedule an election if 5 per cent of the student body signs petitions.

About 1,500 students signed Bloom's petition, more than 5 per cent.

Bloom was appointed by LeMond Goodloe, then AS president.

AS President Thabiti Mtambuzi, who initiated the decision removing Bloom, said in an earlier *Phoenix* interview that no AS officer should have a "lifetime" term.

"I don't have anything in particular against Barry," he said. "I just think all appointments should be coterminous."

The chief justice presides over the Judicial Court, which rules on grievances against AS programs and officers and recommends corrective action. The chief justice is also a board member.

The AS "Judicial Manual" and Constitution state that a chief justice may be ousted from office for malfeasance. Bloom was never formally charged with wrong-doing by Mtambuzi or the board.

Bloom said he fears some students who voted to reject the board decision may have been racially motivated. Bloom is white; Mtambuzi and most other board members are black.

"I hope people voted on the issue and the principle, not on the color of my skin or the color of Thabiti's skin," Bloom said.

"The principle is whether or not we are going to (give) the president authority to appoint a new

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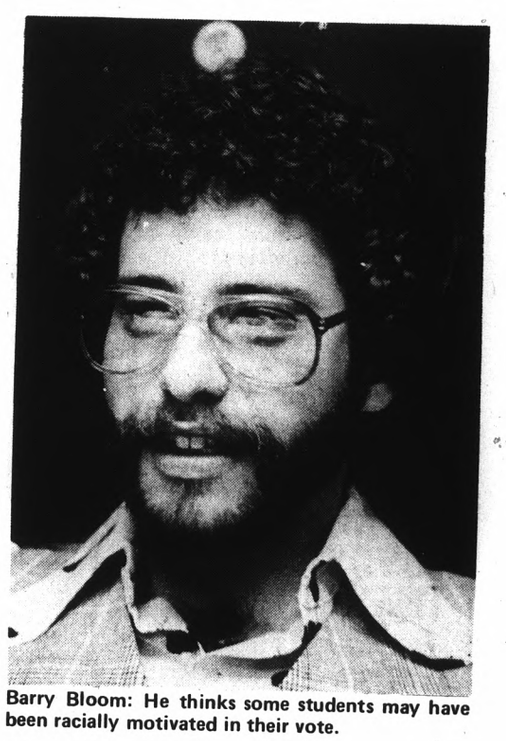
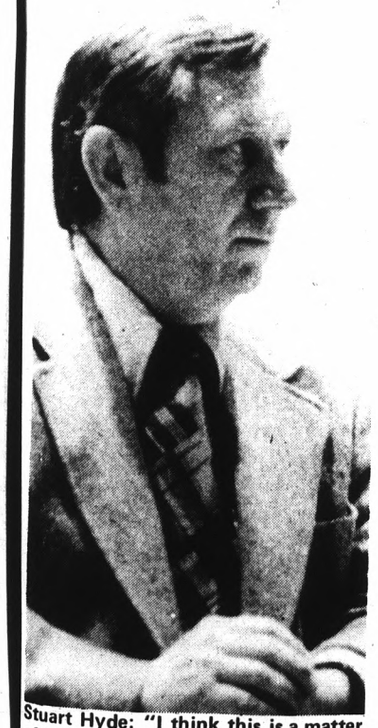


**Barry Bloom: He thinks some students may have been racially motivated in their vote.**

# Debate over review policy heats up



**Stuart Hyde: "I think this is a matter of honest disagreement."**

**Jeff Blyskal**

Debate over the controversial administrative review policy continued this week as SF State's faculty unions stepped up their blitz on the proposal.

The review policy, endorsed by the Academic Senate March 1, would set up procedures for the selection, appointment, and review of school deans, department chairpersons and some administrators.

At least one senator, Edwin Williams, who voted in favor of the review policy at the March 1 meeting,said he has changed his vote to "No."

"The debate that has emerged has changed my mind," said Williams. "I'm particularly against the problems with the department chairs."

There has been much debate over whether department chairpersons are members of the faculty or the administration.

Questions have also been raised about faculty elections of department chairs. The policy doesn't provide for these.

A *Phoenix* straw poll indicates that 60% of the 40 faculty members polled were undecided, 27.5% said they will vote against the policy, and 12.5% said they supported the policy.

About 110 people attended a general faculty meeting held last Tuesday for discussion of the policy.

Ten faculty members spoke against the policy; five spoke in favor of it.

Academic Senate Chairman Stuart Hyde supported the proposal on behalf of the senate.

He also commented on charges made against him in a flyer distributed by the United Professors of California (UPC).

"An attempt to modify the proposal on the floor of the senate was prevented by a parliamentary maneuver," read the flyer.

Hyde said the charge was based on misunderstanding.

"The policy was amended numerous times last year and the year before. When it was brought to the senate on March 1 of this year, it was brought as a complete package. Our years of frustration had taught us that amending had to end at some point, and we felt that point had been reached," said Hyde.

Hyde answered several other charges and addressed the charge that department chairpersons, according to the policy, are administrators rather than faculty.

"This, I think, is a matter of honest disagreement," said Hyde.

Hyde said, "The subcommittee (negotiating with President Paul F. Romberg) believed it was important to state in policy that department chairs are answerable to faculty and students for a wide range of responsibilities.

"We think it appropriate to state the chair should provide academic leadership, should supervise curriculum development and should in essence promote the welfare of the department," he said.

"There are those, apparently, who want either some other statement or perhaps none at all. And we disagree with their position," Hyde said.

Richard Axen, former chairman of the Academic Senate, said Hyde and the senate were blurring the issues and rushing the policy through for a quick decision.

Axen said the policy was more a decree than anything else.

"A policy being rushed through in this manner deserves reasons," said Axen.

Axen referred to contracts at several other universities which state that department chairmen are elected by the faculty. He said this illustrates that the review policy being proposed here "is not the best we can get."

A flyer signed by Axen and 35 other faculty members said the "senate is divorced from its broad faculty constituency," and that the current review proposal is a result of that narrow power base.

The flyer urged a "No" vote on the policy so the faculty would have more time to unite in asking for better terms.

Axen also said he disagreed with the Senate's decision to provide no pro- or con- statement about the policy.

Consequently, he said, the faculty was voting blindly.

"One hundred ballots have already been turned in without any pro- or con- statements," said Axen.

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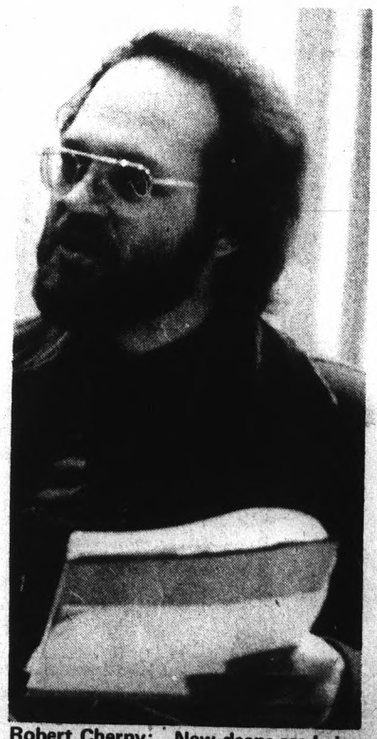
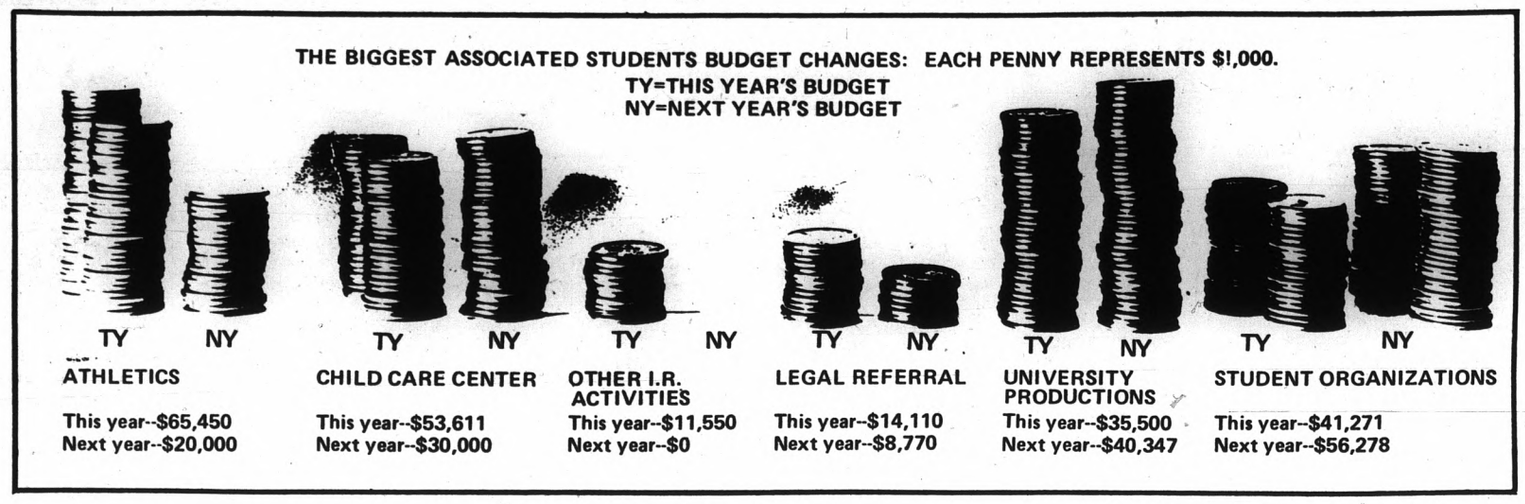


**Robert Cherny: New deans are being replaced by outsiders.**




# Major cuts for AS programs

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insurance and legal expenses, total $45,850, an increase of $5,350. Grants-in-Aid (salaries for AS officers) dropped by $5,000 to $24,000. Storeroom and duplicating expenses dropped from $7,713.50 to $4,050. Communications funding is increased from $7,550 to $8,100.

The total amount proposed for student organizations is $56,278 more than this year's $41,271.

Some organizations had major changes in their funding. The Neurosciences Society received $336 last year and is slated for $1,000 after requesting $6,430. Black Students in Science received $510 this year, and is set for $2,500 next year after requesting $5,900.

The Disabled Students Union requested $4,181 and is allocated $2,000, an increase of about $800.

Some AS programs were cut drastically.

The proposed budget set aside $30,000 for the Child Care Center, a drop from this year's $53,611, according to last year's budget printout.

Steve Drake, Child Care Center director, himself requested the smaller amount.

The Legal Referral Center's Associate Director Tyrone Saunders said "there is no way in the world we can operate on the recommendation they gave us." He said the center asked for over $17,000 but was slated for $8,770. This year the center got $14,110.

Such a small amount "would be throwing their (AS) money away," Saunders said. "There's a certain cutoff point where it just doesn't matter," he said.

He said he was confident the amount would be increased because of the value of the program.

The Skills Exchange is facing a cut from $7,400 to $3,825.

E.R.O.S., another AS program, faces a cut from $6,405 to $5,985 and the Women's Center, from $10,480 to $7,220. The Third World Educational Advancement Center is increased by $300 to $4300 and University Productions goes from $35,300 to $50,347.

# Administration and AS may clash on IR issue

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"Sacrifices might as well be made now," he said.

Legislature members, however, seemed reluctant to take the position of not funding IR activities and will be hearing spokespersons for these activities this week, along with other groups which requested AS funding.

These hearings will be held on Friday, Monday and Wednesday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The legislature is expected to vote on the projected budget on Wednesday. Any changes in the recommended budget will be made then.

After the AS budget is approved, it will be sent to the administration for review by President Paul F. Romberg's budget committee.

The committee will "probably" ask the AS to explain how it arrived at its budget, said Sandra Duffield, associate dean of Student Affairs. The committee will also want to know why IR activities "have lost almost total support"if the legislature approves the IR funding cut. And, it will ask that the AS re-evaluate its priorities, she said.

Since July, Cal State University, Chico, has implemented a new approach to the funding of IR activities, said Patrick Kopp, IR activities coordinator at Chico.

"It's the only campus in the CSUC system using this method," he said.

Chico's student government entered into a five-year contract (effective this school year) with the university.

The student government funds only the insurance costs of athletics. Ten per cent of its student activity fees are used to fund other IR activities, said Jason Peltier, vice president of Chico's student government.

Kopp's office acts as a central clearing office through which all funds for IR activities are dispensed. Funds for the IR budgets come from the student government, the state and from income generated by the IR activities, said Kopp.

The income the IR activities generate goes into a "trust-type" state account. Athletics receives its funding from this money, Kopp said.

# Unions criticize administrative review

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But a source inside the senate said, "A lot of the ballots already in are from UPC people, the very people who are claiming the faculty is voting blindly."

Robert Sweeney, SF State chapter president of the Congress of Faculty Associations (CFA), said the policy is in conflict with "the policies of every one of your faculty organizations: UPC, AAUP (American Association of University Professors), CCUFA (California College and University Faculty Association), CSEA (California State Employes Association).

"I believe it even violates the policy of the statewide Academic Senate," he said.

UPC's SF State chapter president Bob Cherny, speaking against the policy, cited a new charge that deans are being replaced by people from outside the university. He said the review policy supported such activity.

Cherny said that bringing in people from outside makes for good administrators because they don't have any faculty ties that would get "in the way of their duties."

Dean of Faculty Affairs Lawrence Ianni is an example of that, said Cherny.

Ianni, before working here, worked at Indiana University in Pennsylvania. "He was a negotiator for the administration," said Cherny.

Ianni said he was a negotiator prior to coming to SF State but added: "I don't believe there's an industrial-commercial motive in this (review policy). In fact, you flatter the administration by suggesting they had any cohesive plan."

Referring to collective bargaining, Ianni said the faculty should not project administrative motives into the policy.

"If you're going to vote 'No,' base your vote on how the policy will affect your current circumstances," said Ianni, and not on something that might happen in the future.

## Correction

In the March 17 issue of Phoenix, the story "AS to limit talks with Romberg" incorrectly attributes several statements to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Sandra Duffield. We regret the error.

The article mistakenly reports Duffield as saying that communications between the Associated Students Board of Directors and SF State President Paul F. Romberg should not be cut off to "give the administration a chance to exonerate itself."

Duffield made no such statement, or used any similar words, at the AS Board meeting reported in the article.

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# Magnate Trustee on education

*College students, wrapped up in courses and other affairs that more closely affect them, often have little or no knowledge of those who shape the policies and destiny of their campuses.*

*Program funding, tenure, student newspapers, entrance and graduation guidelines, and campus expansion are just a few of the issues decided by the California State University and Colleges Board of Trustees.*

*One of the 19 CSUC Trustees is 75-year-old Dean S. Lesher, appointed in 1973 by Ronald Reagan.*

*In addition to his board membership, Lesher is a magnate of the media world. He publishes and owns controlling interest in seven daily newspapers and 15 weeklies in California, an AM and FM radio station, and has considerable interest in other papers.*

*As a prelude to a Trustee meeting in Long Beach on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Lesher discussed issues facing the board with* Phoenix *reporter Robert Kent Taylor.*

**Q. There has been a great deal of controversy over the Trustees' request for an examination of student newspapers — a request you supported. Would you comment on Trustee control of student newspapers?**

A. I'm angry about this issue. It's been blown out of proportion. Some people have the opinion that I oppose freedom of speech, but this isn't so. I'm merely going along with what the courts say.

All of a sudden Chico gets a weird idea. According to the university president, the Chico paper receives $7,500 from the Associated Students. They want to go off campus, but they can't get autonomy from the AS if they accept funds.

I don't know why people insist they are entitled to something the law doesn't permit. They say, "Sure, we want you to subsidize us, but we don't want you to impose any restrictions — those that the law requires."

The problem we have with the student governments is if they don't like something, they go to the legislature and present a bill.

I think it's a mistake. They should try to clear it with the other segments (Trustees, faculty, campus administration) before they rush in and have legislation.

**Q. Are there currently enough controls over student body officers?**

A. If somebody is able to embezzle funds for his or her use, obviously there aren't.

**Q. At SF State, the AS president (Thabiti Mtambuzi) helped compile editorial policies which give him membership on the editorial board of the AS paper *Zenger's*. Is there a conflict of interest?**

A. I think that's wrong as hell. I would not approve. I never see an editorial in any of our papers until it's published the next day.

I see a situation in which the president could insist on reviewing or controlling what goes into the paper. Quite naturally, he's not going to let any criticism of himself or his board take place. That's wrong. It sets the students off from a voice they should have to complain or suggest. I'll ask questions at the (Trustees') meeting.

**Q. Is there a policy forthcoming which will limit or increase AS control over its funding of instructionally-related (IR) activities (including athletics, forensics, Model UN and literary magazines)? Should the university president be empowered to freeze funds?**

A. I'm trapped by either answer I might give. I don't believe that funds should be placed in the hands of students to do as they wish because that's dangerous. However, if they want to do something and have reasonable grounds, the university shouldn't arbitrarily have the right to refuse.

**Q. Could you comment on a situation at SF State in which the AS has threatened to phase out IR funding? Should the AS president and his Board of Directors be able to cripple intercollegiate activities?**

A. If he's not a senior, why don't you vote him out of office? Induce people to vote. A small turnout at the polls permits one little group of activists to control.

**Q. Do you support the proposals for collective bargaining for CSUC faculty?**

A. I'm bothered by it. I'm bothered if the bargaining included governance. If the faculty want to administer themselves, then I'm doubtful that it has much validity.

**Q. Would you comment on Governor Brown's increase in his earlier proposal for a state faculty salary increase from 2.2 per cent to five per cent?**

A. I think it's deserved. Frankly, I don't think it's sufficient. I have great difficulty in squaring Governor Brown's philosophy. He says there's a psychic reward in teaching. Well, a professor couldn't enjoy his work more than mine, but you can't translate this into a 10 per cent discount at the meat market.

I think the 2.2 per cent increase was an insult. The five per cent is closer. I myself gave eight per cent. (The Trustees voted to recommend an 8.5 per cent increase for faculty.)

**Q. Do you believe in the system of tenure?**

A. Tenure bothers me. I believe in tenure, provided we have post-tenure review every five or six or seven or 10 years. A system to select reviewers with the least prejudice must be created.

**Q. It was proposed (by the Chancellor's Council of Presidents) that the IR activities be financed by adding a $5 additional fee to each CSUC student's registration. Are you in favor of the additional fee?**

A. I haven't read it. To express an opinion before I've read it would be terrible. I should have read it a long time ago, but I finally found out that my secretary placed my agenda and everything in connection with it in my briefcase, which I never do. I had a certain place I always put it and I kept looking for it there and couldn't find it. I finally asked her.

**(Editor's note: the $5 IR fee was not on the Trustees' agenda this week.)**

# Banned drug Daprisal dispensed

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concern for its effectiveness, but that the Health Center's patients have found it effective and beneficial.

While Bossi and Wong maintain Daprisal may still be used legally, two FDA compliance officers disagree.

"The drug is illegal under the Food and Drug Cosmetic Act," said James Davis, director of the Investigative Branch of the FDA in Seattle, Washington. "In 1962, there was a drug amendment that required drugs to be safe and effective -- not just safe."

Rod Chu, the San Francisco FDA official, said of Daprisal, "It is illegal to dispense the drug now. They (anyone distributing the compound) are doing it at their own risk."

Civil and criminal penalties may be imposed, according to Davis.

"We can effect seizure of the drug," he said. "The company that shipped the drug may be subject to criminal penalties. They could be jailed for one year or be fined $1,000 for each count."

"The recall procedure is handled through the company that manufactures the drug," said Davis. "The FDA contacts the company to reach an agreement about how to commnicate the recall notice."

"Frequently the company's primary buyer may be a drug warehouse," he said. "The company must contact the warehouse, and it is the warehouse's responsibility to send out recall notices to all of its customers."

A physician at the medical services department of Smith, Kline and French who did not wish to be identified or quoted directly said that pharmacies stocking Daprisal were notified when it was discontinued.

He also said the pharmacies could have returned the stock for full credit.

SF State Therapeutic Committee member Dr. Evelyn Ballard said the group reviewed the drug and decided there was no reason to discontinue its use. The committee of three physicians, pharmacist Wong, and the head nurse is responsible for review of drug stock at the Health Center.

"We (the committee) feel comfortable in prescribing it in certain instances," she said. She would not elaborate.

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# No insurance, no foamy beer for SF State

SF State students may never get the opportunity to slosh down foam in the Student Union because of insurance problems.

An insurance underwriter who had promised a policy to cover beer sales liability has backed out, according to Samantha Graff, acting director of the Student Union.

Total coverage required by the state is $1 million, Graff said.

The Student Union has already obtained a $900,000 policy from the Columbia Casualty Co., leaving $100,000 worth of coverage still unsecured.

Barbara Martin, proprietor of the Union Depot, where beer was scheduled to be served beginning March 18, said the Depot may be unable to secure a new policy backer.

The reason, she said, is too many establishments in California are being sued for accidents their customers are involved in.

The recent Dram Shot court ruling, declared bars liable if one of their patrons is involved in an accident on or off the premises after becoming drunk.

Graff said the insurance brokers for the Student Union will be negotiating with Columbia Casualty for the additional $100,000 coverage.

# Bloom wins landslide vote

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Judicial Court each year. This makes the judicial branch more of a political entity and decreases its effect as a watchdog over AS activities."

Also reinstated were former Associate Justices Katherine Adams, James Sampson and Wayne Lewis.

Abdul-Rahim attributed the outcome of the election in large part to editorials in *Phoenix* that "were highly critical of the board's decision."

"I am against the usurpation of power from the executive body that has been prompted by our campus newspaper," he said.

"I have no personal beef against Bloom. As far as him being removed from office, the issue isn't him. It's whether the president should have the right to make the Chief Justice coterminous with his rule," said Abdul-Rahim.

"What is kind of scary, is that people were coming to vote, yet some of them weren't sure about the issues," he said.

Abdul-Rahim said the AS "doesn't have time for feuds" with Bloom and the justices, "especially now that the budget is before us."

Bloom said his main focus as chief justice will be "educating students to the fact that a judicial system is at their disposal and that they should use it to remedy grievances that are within the jurisdiction of the AS."

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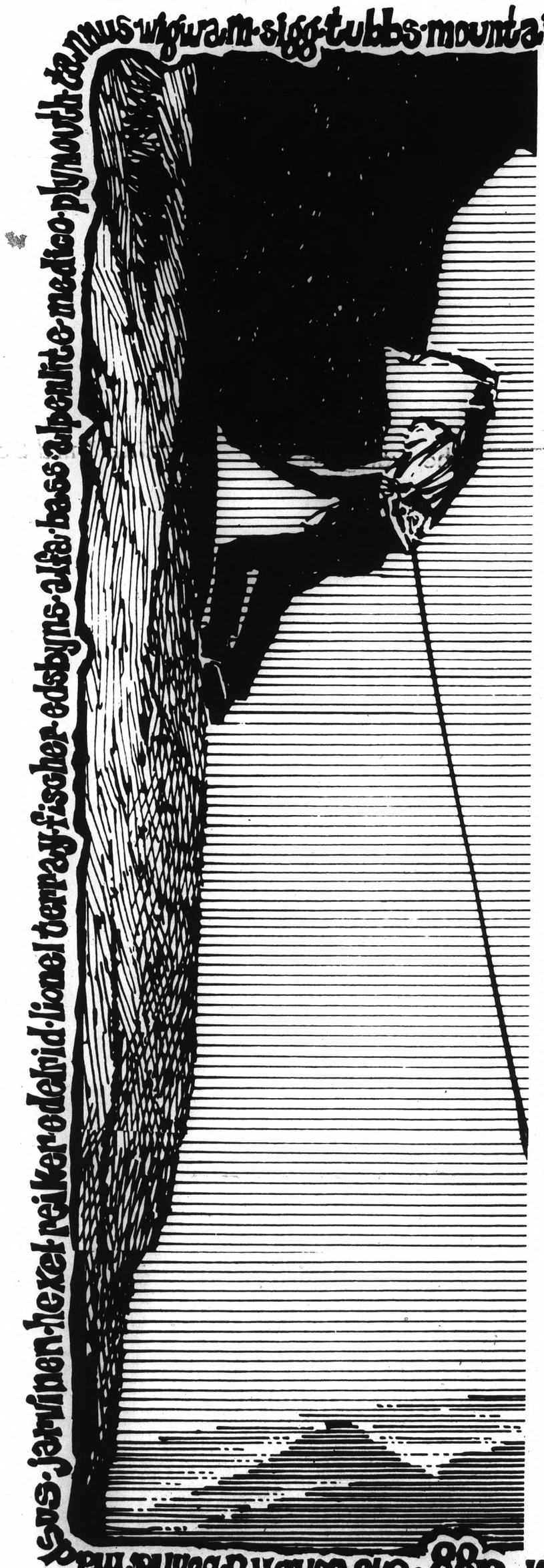
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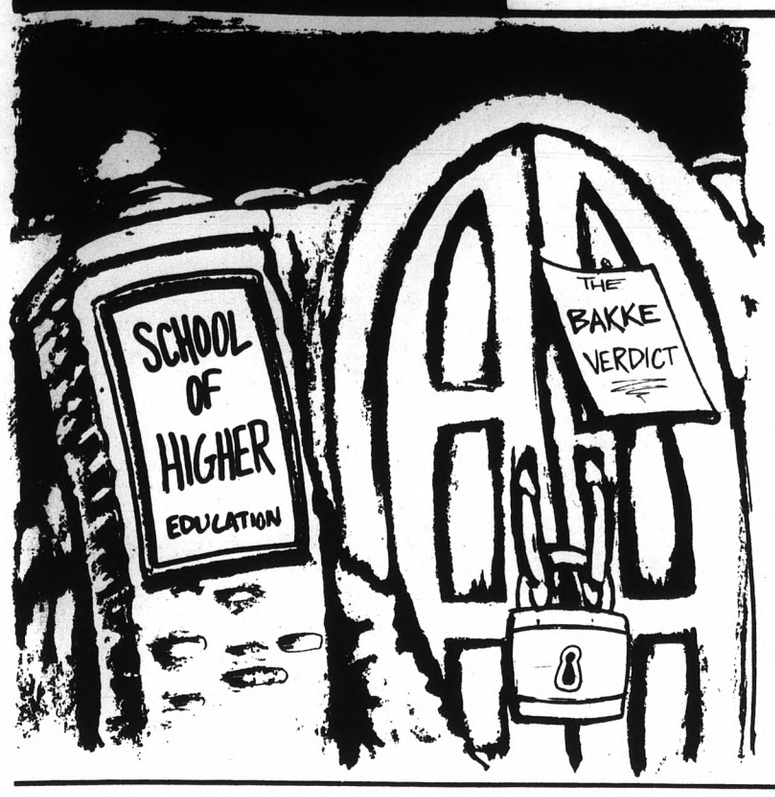


## Editorial

# The need to even the odds

Sixty-five students recently marched into President Paul F. Romberg's office demanding he take a stand on the appeal of the Bakke decision. Romberg was unavailable.

More than a month has passed, and Romberg still has not commented.

The issue is an important one. A decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the California Supreme Court's Bakke decision would threaten every affirmative action and equal opportunity program in the country. Many deprived persons could be denied what little access they now have to a higher education.

The decision grew out of a case filed in September, 1976, by Allan Bakke, a white applicant to U.C. Davis Medical School. He was denied entrance in favor of minority applicants who scored lower on their exams.

The court ruled that "equal protection" granted by the Fourteenth Amendment applies to individuals rather than to ethnic groups. It is not fair, the court contended, that a white applicant be denied admission because he is white.

If the court talks about "fair," however, it must also talk about how the educational system has discriminated against minorities. Third world students need no introduction to the cultural factors that make their pursuit of higher education an uphill race: language differences, the poor quality of barrio and ghetto schools, classes traditionally taught from a white perspective by non-third world instructors.

The resulting loss of identity is one explanation of why minorities consistently score lower than whites on admissions tests.

Special admissions do more than give "disadvantaged" students an incentive to pursue their educations; they also encourage them to return and help their communities.

These programs do not just benefit "disadvantaged" students, however; they benefit the university as a whole. Racial understanding promoted through cultural exchange is no small feat.

We disagree with those who argue that by lowering admission standards for some applicants, the university risks lowering its academic quality. If instructors continue to teach at the highest level academic quality will not decline.

And education is more than academics. It is also understanding cultures and ideas. If the Bakke decision is upheld, not only will "disadvantaged" students be deprived of an equal education, the university will be deprived of some of its cultural diversity.

SF State has a decision to make. The university, including Romberg, should make a commitment to evening out the educational odds by publicly opposing the Bakke decision.

# SF State: the lonely hearts' campus

Marlon Villa

I've been at SF State for four years, and I'm accomplishing many things here – getting a decent education, writing for one of the school newspapers, and defending the university against misguided malcontents who feel they'd be better off at College A or College B.

I've grown to love SF State, but, as the old saying goes – you always hurt the one you love.

My future alma mater, I must hurt you, not with malice but with the hope you'll improve. With this in mind I ask, "Is there such a thing as a social life here?"

I can recall fall, 1973, when I was a first-semester freshman, full of rah-rah spirit and enthusiasm. I hoped to make a lot of friends and party all the time.

Was I disappointed.

After a few weeks of searching for the social scene at SF State, I realized there wasn't one.

People criss-crossed each other, rushing to their classes. SF State wasn't what I expected. It was a large, cold, unfriendly and impersonal place – a commuter campus with no sense of community or cohesion.

I became extremely depressed. I used to write in my notebook: "Please, somebody talk to me," and "Does anyone know who I am?" Scores of beautiful women, many without bras, didn't help (especially having come from an all-male high school). Not only was I terribly lonely, I was terribly frustrated.

During fall, 1973, *Phoenix* came out with a story saying SF State was a mental health menace, depression and anxiety being the two biggest offenders. How true. The pressure of 17 units and the loneliness almost caused me to have a nervous breakdown.

I tried to make friends, but it was hard for a shy 18-year-old to relate to the average SF State student whose median age was 25.7 years.

As time went on, I did manage to make a few friends, but these were usually transfer students who had a couple of units to go. They soon vanished. Some lived in the far-off suburbs and others were married.

The women I asked out either had a boyfriend, were living with someone, were married or didn't like me to begin with.

I endured this situation for two and one-half years. Finally, I decided to do what most of my old high school fr. ds did – transfer. I went to San Diego State because I had heard it was a party school and had a sense of community.

It did.

All I ever did was party in the dorm. I made a lot of friends and was revered as the best writer on the floor. That was the trouble with the campus. "If I'm a good writer then the rest of them must be illiterate," I thought to myself.

Socially, San Diego was a great place: lots of clean beaches nearby, friendly people and the best-looking women on any campus in California. But the liberal arts department was terrible and the journalism department was staid. SF State was far superior on both counts.

For the sake of my education, I decided to return to SF State. It was still the same place socially except it had that gray, dull-looking, glorified bomb-shelter -- the Student Union. I thought it would be a hub of student activity, but it isn't. It is just as impersonal as the surrounding campus. It's hard to talk to a pinball machine.

But all is not lost (for me, anyway). I've found my niche on this campus – one of the student newspapers. Although you work your tail off, 30 people know your first name, and the office makes a good lounge.

The newspaper office is one of the few places where I really feel needed.

But what about the other lonely people on campus?

Why don't the AS, the Student Activities Office, *Zenger's* and *Phoenix* get together with the administration and set up social gatherings and lonely hearts clubs or *something* for those thousands of lost souls on campus?

# letters

## 'Nice try, Harold'

Editor:

Harold Kruger's long scenario entitled "Don't Blame Us, Blame LeMond" was a poor cover-up for his feelings of jealousy at not reaping a harvest of praise for his and his paper's efforts in covering the LeMond Goodloe story. Kruger tried to make his readers believe that while the electronic media get story ideas and leads from the print people, the reverse is never true. Nice try, Harold.

KSFS Radio News was the first medium on campus to break the story of Goodloe's arrest. Our reporter knew of the arrest moments after it took place. And, not being too jealous to share a story, we immediately let TVC in on it.

As far as covering the story itself, we ran the news of Goodloe's apprehension the night it occurred, as well as same-day coverage of the arraignment and entering of plea. **Phoenix** readers had to wait almost a week to learn of these events.

Kruger's allegation that the Goodloe tale wasn't a "juicy enough scandal" for the electronic media to follow is, of course, ridiculous. Minimal research on his part should have convinced Kruger that, indeed, such stories are run when warranted on both KSFS and TVC news. Apparently, such research was beneath at least one "ace reporter's" dignity.

Kruger seems a bit miffed that folks aren't lining up to praise the everyday reporter. If that's what you're after, Harold, maybe you're in the wrong business.

Stan Bunger
KSFS News Director

Ruth Spencer
KSFS Assistant News Director

## JDL vs. Hanafis

Editor:

The recent threat by the Jewish Defense League to attack the headquarters of the Hanafi Muslims in Washington, D.C., is but another example of JDL's holier than thou attitude.

When several members of the Hanafis forcefully occupied the headquarters of B'nai B'rith and two other Washington buildings almost two weeks ago and demanded that authorities hand over the six Black Muslims who are imprisoned for the murder of several Hanafi women and children, the fact that the B'nai B'rith building was one of the buildings seized was accidental.

However, JDL's supreme leader, Meir Kahane, who was only recently released from prison for acts of terrorism, saw the Hanafi occupation of B'nai B'rith as a direct attack on Jews.

It will be interesting to see what measures the authorities in Washington will use against the JDL if it carries out its threats to invade the Hanafis. Will those Jews who propose to travel across state lines from New York, Baltimore, California etc., be charged with crossing state lines in order to incite a riot? Let's hope that the JDL will not expect to go to Washington and not be met with retaliation as Israel did in Uganda. Surely they are not so foolish, even though all evidence shows that they are, as to think that they can beat up, maim and murder black people with impunity.

Jon Lovett

**Editor's note: On March 20, about 160 JDL members paraded across the street from the Hanafi headquarters, which was ringed by police. JDL members chanted slogans, and the Hanafis stayed inside. There was no violence.**

The following is an open letter to President Romberg.

President Romberg:

I was pleased that Mr. Dobbs candidly discussed several campus issues in the **Phoenix** ("Romberg's Man Talks Politics," March 3), even though I strongly disagree with his point of view. This letter does not have as its intent to sever or discourage candid communication but rather thinks it constructive to have an honest exchange of opinions. With this spirit, I challenge Dobbs' assertions that the administration tries to balance the scales in order that school policy be representative of the whole student body. Dobbs, as representative of your administration, has expressed some very unbalanced views.

My case in point is Dobbs' biased interpretation of three facts of which I am intimately aware. First, it appears that Dobbs is alienated and defensive when he draws a "thin" line between a "mob" and the demonstration against the Bakke decision on Feb. 15.

As one of the demonstrators, I can vouch that the demonstration was essentially orderly and non-violent both physically and verbally. I am proud that we are common people, but I take great exception to the notion that we may be either deficient or an organized group of hoodlums.

Quite to the contrary, we are students who were and continue to be intensely and understandably concerned about the effects of the Bakke decision on third world students.

My second point deals with your reasons for refusing to meet with third world students. The Third World Coalition wants to meet with you in an open forum monitored by and with questions posed by Coalition members. Again Dobbs reports, you "won't meet with a mob." The word "mob" evokes fear and negative emotions. Meeting with only a few representatives, as was your offer, will ease your anxiety but it would be ineffective in reaching a wide range of concerned students. The coalition wanting answers and communication, not rhetoric, has suggested a reasonable format for allowing an orderly exchange of questions and answers. What do you gain by refusing our invitation?

Finally, Dobbs charges that there were people in the demonstration who were "hungry for a cause" and wanted "to see things stirred up." My perception is that we are not looking for a cause, rather the "cause" is a basic problem of survival in a society in which the rules are made for the majority, and in which minorities have not had equal access to opportunities for earning a livelihood or for self-fulfillment.

Since education is a critical element in that opportunity, it becomes of utmost importance to communicate our needs to and to see a response from the administrators of education. How does one do this when the administration appears to be so alienated from the student population that it over-reacts and interprets a lawful, orderly and thoughtful demonstration as mob-like activity?

If the administration is truly interested in representing all students, why doesn't it express interest in communicating to all students, not to just a few selected representatives?

The student body has the right to hear the administration's position on those programs that will affect its life. Concerned students, especially third world students, want to hear your position on E.O.P., financial aid, and Ethnic Studies issues. Third world students are "pulling ourselves up by the bootstraps" and demanding that the administration really represent all of the student body by expanding its narrow, biased views through communicating and trying to understand the people it's supposed to serve.

President Romberg, when are you going to communicate with us?

Linda Trujillo

## The war goes on

Editor:

I'm so glad somebody else sees Timothy Leary's "Fly Away to the Stars" program as so much escapism ("Future Schlock" by Bill Citara, **Phoenix**, March 17).

I don't know who he's making deals with today, but making lost hippies believe they can live longer and smarter out in space is bound to make Washington, D.C., smile.

We haven't won the war – not the pollution, not the corruption, conspiracy or causes of imperialism. Claiming we have, and that we can forget about this little garbage dump planet, that it'll all be perfect in space, is worse than turning on or dropping out.

Jonathan Mosher

## Cuban affairs

Editor:

The headlines in the newspapers reflect the turmoil in the world today and indicate the need for serious discussion about the present international situation. For example, what role does Cuba play in the world? Why is there such a sudden interest on the part of the U.S. in the affairs of Cuba? Would the U.S. benefit from establishing diplomatic relations with it? Is Cuba a socialist country?

Last year, Cuban troops helped Soviet-backed guerrillas win over troops backed by the U.S. in fighting for control of the former Portuguese colony of Angola. More recently, 200 Cuban advisers and technicians have gone to Uganda to help train its Soviet-equipped army and prop up Idi Amin's shaky economy. Is this an attempt by the Soviet Union to exert more influence in East Africa with the help of Cuba?

These questions about Cuba, as well as questions about U.S. foreign policy, the threat of world war and the role of the Soviet Union and China, will be taken up at a Conference on the World Situation, War, Revolution and the Internationalist Tasks of the American People to be held on Saturday, March 26, starting at 10:00 a.m., Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley.

The Revolutionary Student Brigade, as well as many other organizations, students and educators from all over the Bay Area will be attending this day-long conference. There will be workshops on China's foreign policy, Cuba and Latin America, the Soviet Union, Angola and Southern Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and U.S. foreign policy. We urge anyone concerned with the world situation and our role in making change to participate.

C. Kojimoto
Revolutionary Student Brigade

## The Third Degree

# The master of obscurity

Mike Hutcheson

Thirty children squealed with glee as they chased Saint Edmund Brown Jr. through the capitol lobby.

The Great Man's linebacker-sized bodyguards closed in to protect him from the children.

"Isn't he beautiful?" sighed the girls.

"Hi, Jerry." shouted the boys as the Governor paused for handshakes. "Can we have your autograph?"

Brown & Co. slipped through an unmarked door without signing.

But the kids had seen HIM and that was enough. They went merrily toward the senate floor to watch legislators perform the day's corruptions.

Little did El Segundo's Center Street School children know they had just witnessed a rare example of clear-cut administration policy.

As student lobbyist Scott Plotkin explained later:

"People who work for the Governor don't quite know where the boss stands on things. So they can't make policy decisions. That's the primary difference between this and the Reagan administration. At least he gave them policy guidelines."

Plotkin, it should be noted, is a democrat and a Brown supporter. His opinion is that of a seasoned observer.

"Here's a good example," he continued. "Brown will not sign autographs or send pictures of himself to people. His press office knows that.

"With other things his policy is so vague you have to consult with him personally. In time they(the staff) get a general sense." But it was many months before the staff knew what was going on, he said.

A talk with Brown aide Bob Moore confirmed Plotkin's assessment. Asked if Brown's minimal 2.2 per cent faculty pay hike proposal would cost the Governor political support in Academia he said:

"Politics would be a secondary consideration. The Governor is very seldom immutable. He rarely commits himself to issues. That's why the death penalty thing was so remarkable. But it can sometimes be a problem for his aides."

Brown made the 2.2 per cent proposal in January. The Board of Trustees had urged an 8.5 per cent increase.

Brown figured the difference in "psychic income." He explained his proposal saying "Teaching is its own reward." A plaque on Bob Moore's shelf reads "Responsibility is its own compensation."

Brown demonstrated his flexibility last week when he upped the ante from 2.2 to five per cent.

The 2.2 proposal apparently had less to do with spartan philosophy than old-fashioned politics. The new figure makes Brown look generous.

None of which should concern the kids from El Segundo for at least a decade. By that time their hero could be lowering the expectations of a whole nation.

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## Student interest lacking

# Rathletics plagued by apathy

**David Bella and Frankie Garland**

There is a club on campus that is dying. Some of its members are human and some are not.

The only people that can save it are you and us.

Rathletics, an AS-funded club that enables students to work hand-in-paw with athletically-inclined rats, is in danger of folding. They are running out of humans.

"We just had a whole class graduate on us," said Michael Jensen, animal technician assistant and keeper of the Animal Colony, which is located in Room 512 of the Psychology Building. "They were in their senior year (in 1975) and they did it up good and then everybody took off. We've never been able to fill the gap. We're at the stage now where we're either gonna die or we're gonna carry on."

One of SF State's "endangered species" practices the rope climb.

Jensen, whose job is state-funded, has worked at the Animal Colony for 12 years as the man in charge of the general maintenance of all rats used in experiments at SF State.

Fourteen years ago at Sacramento's American River Junior College, the first rat decathlon was held. SF State first entered the sport in 1972. The Rathletics Club competed in the Sacramento tournament in each of the next four years.

Last year, however, student interest in Rathletics drastically dropped. With no one around to show the rodents how to get a good jump out of the starting blocks, SF State did not participate in the event.

Today, club membership has dwindled to six, and recruits are badly needed; no experience is necessary.

Although no academic credit is given in connection with the Rathletics Club, participants stand much to gain.

"People who get involved in Rathletics," said Jerry Huff, club treasurer and senior psychology major, "can expect to learn a great deal about animals and animal behavior. Their behavior isn't really much different from our own."

A rat is placed in the custody of each student-trainer at the tender age of 25 days, thus beginning its drive towards athletic glory. The participants work two hours a day for two months, honing their combined skills in an attempt to produce the rat world's answer to Bruce Jenner.

The rats are trained to compete in five of the decathlon events, beginning with the rope climb.

In this event, the rats are trained to climb a rope that is 36 inches long and one-quarter inch in diameter. Winning rats have been known to breeze through this event in five or six seconds.

Another event is the high wire. Participants must climb a ladder to a platform four feet above the ground and walk across a tightrope five feet long. The rope is similar to the kind used in kite flying. Well-balanced rats handle the high wire in five seconds.

The next two events more closely resemble those performed during a "human" track meet.

In the long and high jump, rats are required to hurdle their two-pound bodies horizontally and vertically up to distances of 60 inches.

Then comes "the monster," as Jensen refers to the final event.

Raymond the maze runner, one of the resident rats, must master 16 turns and 36 different directional choices before he is able to conquer the six-foot-by-six-foot maze. One look at "the monster" might persuade you to take a cab.

All this leads up to the competition staged each December in Sacramento. Six schools and 60 to 70 rathletes, give or take a few on the bench, clash for all the money, chalk and marbles.

Here is where the students reap the benefits of their months of hard training.

"If you trained a quarterhorse to run a furlong and entered him in the race you'd be rootin' like hell for him to win," said Huff.

The rat decathlon is no different in this respect. With 8,000 screaming spectators crammed into a junior college gym, it's easy to see why a trainer might be vocal.

"You hope like hell that your rat will win. You make all kinds of noise screaming and hollering," said Huff. "It's a lot of fun."

Rats have been known to succumb to the pressures.

"It's really anti-climactic when the rat won't perform the way you trained it," said Huff. "I knew of one school that had a rat that long jumped 54 inches in training and then never moved during the event."

Rathletes reach their athletic peak at about to 120 to 130 days. A normal life span for rodents is two years.

Because rathletes have no pension funds for retirement or no halls of fame to be enshrined in, you might wonder what happens to the former stars in the twilight of their careers.

"I have to kill them," said a solemn Jensen. "We use chloroform or extremely large doses of phenobarbital. What I do with most of my animals is try to get a second use out of them. I'll give them to the aquarium or the zoo and they use them for feeding. That makes me feel better than just killing them."

As each day passes, the 1977 version of the rat decathlon grows nearer. The rodents of San Francisco must be represented. The burden is on you.

It's not Montreal, but it ain't too bad for rats.

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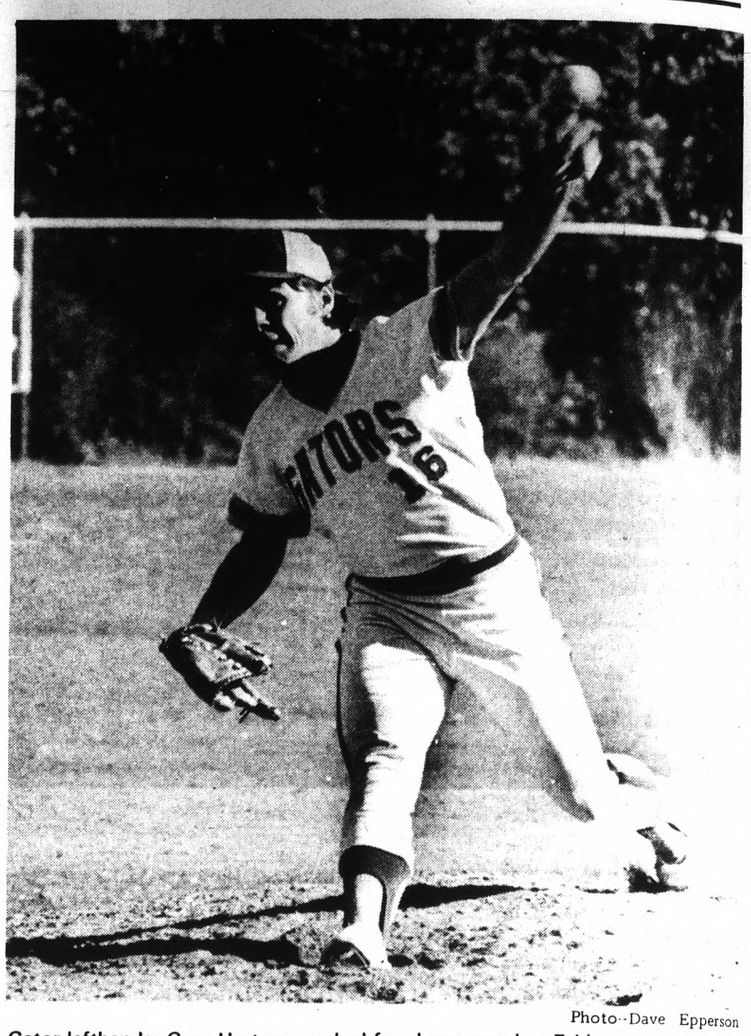

Photo--Dave Epperson

Gator lefthander Gary Hart was rocked for eleven runs last Friday against Cal.

## Hurdles mark shattered

# Track squad edged in conference opener

**David Bella**

Despite a record-breaking performance by hurdler Ike Allmond, the SF State track team lost to Humboldt State, 90-82, last weekend in Arcata.

Allmond, who captured two first place awards in the meet, ran the 110 high hurdles in :14.4, erasing the previous school record of :14.5 set by Bob Hector in 1972.

Allmond also finished first in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in :54.8.

The Gators finished the afternoon with nine first place awards but still came up short in the battle for team honors.

"We knew it would be a tight meet for us," said Gator Assistant Coach Gary Bluth, "and things went well. What hurt the most was the margin we lost some events by.

"We placed out of the points (a team receives points for a first, second, or third place finish) in a few events by just inches. We missed third in the shot put by one inch and second in the long jump by one inch. A little more distance here and there and we could have won the meet," said Bluth.

Darryl McLaurin was also a double winner for the Gators, taking the 100 meters (:11.0) and 200 meters (:22.3).

Other individual winners for SF State were Greg Bodner, who threw the javelin 177'6" and Jeff Snyder, who won the discus event with a toss of 135'4". Ed Ruppenstein won the 400 meters, clocking a :50.4.

The Gator relay teams also had a good day, winning the 400-meter relay and the mile relay in :43.1 and 3:21.5.

This Saturday the Gators host Sacramento State and Stanislaus State in a triangular meet. Bluth expects the team to be well prepared.

"We tuned up for this meet yesterday in an unofficial match against Hayward State and Oregon State," he said. "We're in good shape physically and have been performing well."

# Tennis teams find road is rocky

**Darrell Switzer**

There's no place like home -- home tennis courts that is.

For one of the few times this season, both of SF State's tennis teams took to the road and dropped two matches each.

Coach Dave Irwin's men lost, 7-2, to host Nevada Reno and then came back an hour later and lost to Stanislaus State, 6-3. It was the first time SF State lost to Stanislaus.

The Gators host Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on Saturday at 2:00 pm.

Irwin said the loss to Stanislaus was a bit of a shock.

"I think all the traveling and playing at a different altitude hurt us, especially during our second match," he said. "We had just an hour's rest between the matches and the fatigue started to show later in the day."

In the match against Reno, the Gators were shutout in singles, but managed to win two doubles matches. The first was by default. Ray Jeung and Tom Shea won the other match.

"I felt the key match was Steve Beroldo's loss," Irwin said. "He lost both sets, 7-6, but had three or four match points in each set. Also, Robin Tan, our No. 4 singles, had to retire early in his match because he had trouble breathing due to the altitude."

Coach Maxine Green's team lost their first two matches of the season. The women netters lost to Fresno State, 6-3, and University of Pacific, 7-2.

"I expected at least a split out of the trip," Green said. "I expected the loss to Fresno, but the loss to UOP was unexpected because we beat them 7-2 last year and they have a lot of the same players back."

Sonia Arango, the Gator's No. 2 singles player, kept her unbeaten record intact with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Fresno's Carol Jensen.

Arango and Laura Johanson teamed up for a doubles victory, one of two the Gators collected.

Against UOP, SF State's Mary Mah and Helen Choy won singles matches.

# Fifth-inning collapse destroys Gator effort

**Ed Lit**

One inning does not make a baseball game, but for the SF State Gators last Friday, one inning made the difference.

UC Berkeley scored eight runs in the fifth inning, enabling them to coast to an 11-4 victory at SF State's Maloney Field.

The Gators also dropped a doubleheader to the Bears on Saturday in Berkeley, 11-4 and 7-5.

SF State hosts the University of Oregon today at 4:00 p.m. Tomorrow and Saturday the Gators oppose St. Mary's College, first at Maloney Field and then in Moraga.

Berkeley's Bears, coached by former Boston Red Sox rightfielder Jackie Jensen, led, 3-2, going into the fifth inning of Friday's game. Cal then sent 12 batters to the plate, collecting eight hits and eight runs.

Baseballs were not the only thing Cal made solid contact with.

During the fifth inning Lynn Patterson doubled and then attempted to steal third base. A fine throw from catcher Paul DeMattei to third baseman Russ Witherspoon almost nailed the runner, who was ruled safe.

The boisterous fans roared their disapproval at the umpire, who was seemingly out of position.

On the next pitch the Berkeley batter smacked a line drive, hitting the umpire square on the back. The SF State fans weren't overly sympathetic.

For all practical purposes the game was over following the eight-run outburst. The fans finished their beers, survived the late inning chill and headed home for the weekend.

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*La Traviata*

# Moving toward despair

**Pamela deDeugd**

Italian opera sung in English is rarely satisfying.

But, SF State's Music and Theatre Arts Departments' joint presentation of Guiseppi Verdi's "La Traviata," in English, is not without merit.

Although not as nostalgic and tearful as it could have been, it was generally a well done and enjoyable performance.

The simple but tragic melodrama, taken from Alexandre Dumas' 1840s best seller "La Dame aux Camelias" (The Lady of the Camellias), tells of a dying woman who gives up the man she loves rather than disgrace his family.

The orchestration of the entire work was lovingly controlled although sometimes paced unsympathetically by Associate Professor Dewey Camp's conducting. Despite an occasional suspicion of insensitive strings and sagging brass tones, the intimacy and simplicity of Verdi's work were maintained throughout.

Nancy Marie Johnson may be far too wholesome to quintessentially portray the consumptive Parisian courtesan, Violetta. But, through graceful intonation, skillful coloratura and passionate characterization, she managed to convey the despair, loneliness and eventual heartbreak of "La Traviata's" main character.

At the end of the extremely well done Act II duet with Germont, her lover's father, Violetta gave a tearful and moving performance: her sonorous "weeping, weeping" passage drew an immediate emotional response from the audience.

Joel Fleisher was convincing in the role of Violetta's naive young lover, Alfredo Germont.

Perhaps he was intimidated by Johnson's forceful acting, however. In Act II, when Violetta renounced him, his voice showed an uncertainty of control.

Although far less appropriate in his characterization, Ken Christe, as Alfredo's interfering father, through his careful pronunciation, warm tone and graceful legato, was able to convince the audience of his pompous righteousness.

Kurt Berentsen put a lot of energy into the small part of the handsome, rougish Baron Douphol, his baritone remaining pure throughout. He was uneasy on the stage, however. In the first act he never quite fit in, and after agreeing to a duel with Alfredo in the second scene of Act II, he looked completely overwhelmed.

Stage direction, under Theatre Arts Professor Jack Cook, was at times impressive, such as in Act I when Violetta was trying to convince herself that she must forego love and the promise of happiness in favor of material gain, lonely as that might be. The tired Violetta, in her "Sempre libera" ("I must always be free") aria, moved effectively through the empty ballroom with Alfredo's words of love echoing in the distance.

Eugene McGinty's sets, depicting France at the time of Louis XIV, ran the gamut from nondescript to merely captivating to most impressive. The garden set in Act II approached perfection. Varying shades of green contrast with flowering spring trees. Only the unfortunate combination of mauve and scarlett decor in the third act prevented McGenty's efforts from being called remarkable.

The lighting effects, like the sets, improved as the opera progressed. In the final act, glowing light sensitively captured the fading Violetta and highlighted her sleeping friend Flora, like the light in a Rembrandt painting.

But, despite darkened lighting and darkening facial expressions, the final act did not convey the loneliness and heartbreak, the sense of loss and despair as the moribund Violetta bid farewell to past joys -- the most moving and haunting segment of the opera.

"La Traviata" will be performed today and Saturday in McKenna Theatre at 8 p.m. Alternate performers are Vicki Muto, Ross Halper and David Morgenstern.

Brother Blue: "storyteller extraordinaire." Photo- Valdes

# From Blue to you

**Jo Ann Sanner and Jeffrey Weber**

*"I've got a story.*

*"It's the most beautiful story. Stars help me tell it . . . singers sing it for me . . . I've got it! You can call it 'Peek-a-Boo.'*

*"It's a riddle. In the middle of the riddle, guess what it be?*

*"It's a hill. And at the top of the hill, there's a castle.*

*"In the middle of the castle, there's a room. Without a window. Without a door.*

*"In that room, there's a box. In the middle of that box, there's a little bitty box. Something I can never see.*

*"What is it? Something I can hardly say. Something I must pray. It's got wings . . . it can laugh . . . it can cry. One thing I know: it can't die.*

*"Sometimes I call it a butterfly. Water can't drown it. Arrow can't down it. It's your natural soul. It's singing through you. A song. I love you. Let's play Peek-a-Boo!"*

"Peek-a-Boo" is only one of Brother Blue's stories. He has a story for nearly every occasion. A self-proclaimed "storyteller extraordinaire," his main goal in life is to tell stories that make people happy – and make them think.

"I call it 'soulin',' " said Blue, whose real name is Hugh Hill. "Speaking from the soul, singing from the soul, flying from the soul."

Brother Blue did his "soulin' " last week before 100 captivated people sitting in on Pauline Nelson's Speech Communication class.

He was visiting California on an invitation from Buckminster Fuller, a scientist, inventor, story lover and according to Blue, "a genius with a heart of gold." Blue visited Fuller in Los Angeles, then flew to San Francisco and made two appearances prior to his performance here.

Dressed in blue pants, shirt and wool cap with a crown of sequined butterflies, Blue be-bopped into the room flashing a brilliant smile.

The crowd quieted as he sat down. Balloons tied to his arms and legs bounced rhythmically. Little bells on his wrists and ankles chimed as he fidgeted during his introduction. Blue was psyching himself up for another one-man show.

It was time – time for Blue to sing and dance; to speak loudly, then whisper; to jump up and down and to blow a few notes on his harmonica; to tell a story or two or maybe three "if we have enough time." We did.

Besides "Peek-a-boo," Blue told two other stories: "Muddy Duddy," a "hymn to mud and the little boy who loved it," and a story about Miss Wunderlich, the teacher who "loved me and recognized my potential – the butterfly in me."

Blue was born in Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended an all-white school. In the third grade, he was doing poorly in school. Miss Wunderlich told him he could improve his grades and not to let the white children upset him:

"I was a brown button in a field of snow," Blue said:

*Because you (Miss Wunderlich)*
*liked me,*
*I liked me.*
*I went through school for*
*you and got my Ph.D.*
*You made a teacher out of me. . .*

Blue received his master's in fine arts at Yale and his doctorate at Harvard. According to Ruth Hill, Blue's manager and wife, Blue attended divinity school, although he decided not to become a minister.

"But Blue is still close to the church," said Ruth. "He performs at services and weddings. Even funerals."

Blue started storytelling in front of crowds ten years ago. He was inspired by his father, who could neither read nor write.

"We had a large family, and at night my father would tell us stories," Blue said. "He tried to put gold in our hearts."

In addition to his stories, Blue has authored several plays and has directed a seminar workshop on the art of storytelling at Harvard Divinity School. He is currently teaching a similar course at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

There is no end to Brother Blue. When asked his age, he replied, "To a child, I am a child; to an adult, I am something else.

"When I tell a story, I tell it total," Blue said. "It's from Blue to you . . . "

# Calendar

**MARCH 24-30**

### ART

**Today thru Wed** – "Rome and Her Colonies, Reflections of Culture and Life." De Bellis Collection. Library, sixth floor, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### FILM

**Today and Fri** – "Emmanuelle," starring Alain Cuny, Sylvia Kristel and Marika Green. University Productions. Barbary Coast. Thur: 4 and 8 p.m. Fri: 8 p.m. Students $1.

**Fri** – Stanley Kubrick's "2001." Cinematheque. McKenna Theatre at 4 and 7:30 p.m. Students $1.

**Mon** – Bergman's "Persona." Cinematheque. McKenna Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Students $1.

**Tue** – "The Drive for Power." Ascent of Man series. Sci 101 at 2 p.m. Admission free.

**Tue** – Truffaut's "The Wild Child" (France, 1968). McKenna Theatre at 12:30 p.m. Admission free.

**Wed** – Nicholas Ray's "Rebel Without a Cause." Cinematheque. McKenna Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Students $1.

### LECTURES

**Mon** – Gay activist Jo Daley. Gay Pride Week. Student Union conference room A-E at noon.

**Tue** – Olympic decathlon champion on "Gays and the Athletic World." Gay Pride Week. Student Union conference room A-E at noon.

**Tue** – Byron Robertson. Azania Conference on South Africa. Barbary Coast at noon. Admission free.

**Wed** – Commissioner of the SF Board of Permit Appeals, Rick Stokes, speaks out on "The Increase of the Involvement of Gays in Politics." Gay Pride Week. Barbary Coast at noon.

**Wed** – "Hamlet's Mill" Planetarium Show. PS 422 at noon. Free tickets available at Student Union Information Desk.

**Wed** – Norman Owen on "Space Colonization." Student Union conference room A-E at noon. Admission free.

### MUSIC

**Today** – Bianca and Vitamin E. UP Time series. Barbary Coast at noon. Admission free.

**Today and Sat** – "La Traviata," Music and Theatre Arts Department's spring opera. McKenna Theatre at 8 p.m. Students $2.25 and $1.50.

**Tue** – Honey Creek. Union Depot, 5-7 p.m. Admission free.

**Wed** – Pat Blackwell and Judy Mull. Union Depot, 5-7 p.m. Admission free.

**Wed** – Chamber Music directed by Laszlo Varga. Knuth Hall at 1 p.m.

**Wed** – William Corbett-Jones performs Mozart piano works. Knuth Hall at 8 p.m. Students $1.50.

### POETRY

**Wed** – Chicago poets, Richard Friedman and Henry Kanabus. The Poetry Center. Barbary Coast at 3 p.m. Admission free.

### THEATRE

**Today** – "The Meaning of Life: A Play in One Unnatural Act," written by David L. Robb, and directed by Rob Goldblatt. Little Theatre at 12:30 p.m.

**Today and Fri** – "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Brown Bag Theatre. CA 102 at noon. Admission free.

**Sat and Sun** – "The Adventures of Harlequin," directed by Bo Westerfield. Arena Theatre at noon and 2 p.m. Students $3, children $1.50.

**Tue and Wed** – Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly Last Summer." Brown Bag Theatre. CA 102 at noon. Admission free.

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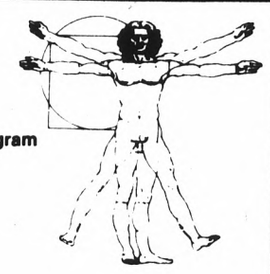

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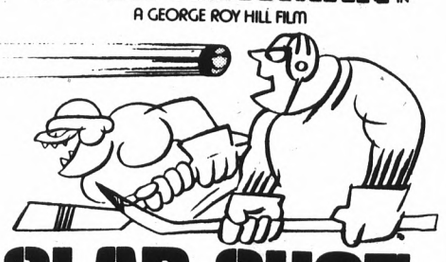

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**V.W. Tozer**

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"The whole court thing is intimidating," said Scott Weaver, director of the Peoples Law School. "We try to get people to exercise confidence in dealing with the law by presenting it in everyday language."

The school publishes several pamphlets, which usually sell for a quarter, on how to deal with certain legal situations. They get most of the information from law books and attorneys who have a background in the specific area of law.

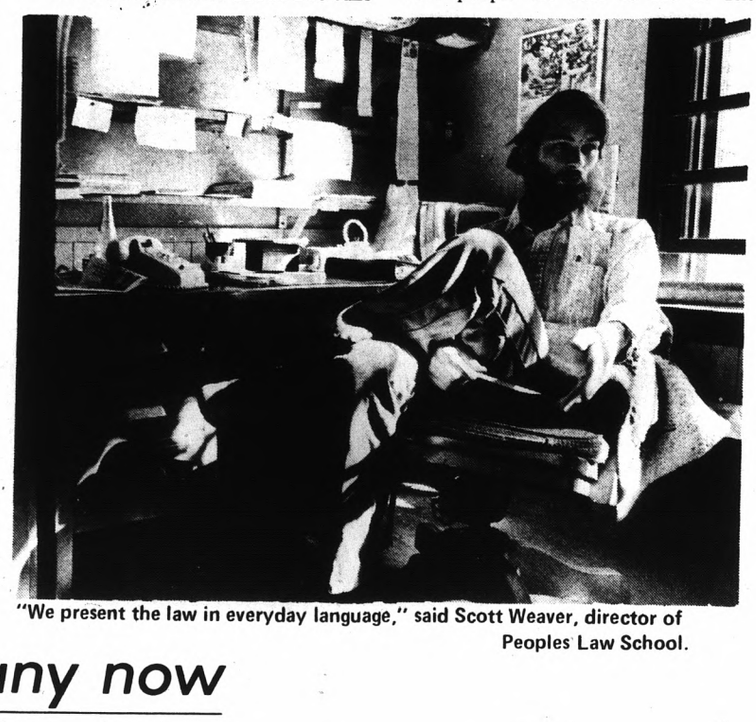
Two of the more popular pamphlets are "Delay Evictions," a step by step explanation of how to fight eviction, and "How to use a law library."

"We send that pamphlet out free to prisoners," said Weaver, holding up a stack of letters from prison inmates. "We had five requests in the mail today, three from Attica."

Peoples Law School conducts workshops, offers phone referrals and can direct people to community groups that offer help with special problems. It has the names of many low cost lawyers in the Bay Area on file, and provides food stamp and unemployment insurance counseling.

The school answers about 140 calls per month. It distributes 11,000 pamphlets a year and serves about 16,000 people annually.

"I'm sure it's really more than that," said Weaver. "We may sell a pamphlet for a quarter, but three or four people are sure to use it. The Marin County Legal Aid and the American Civil Liberties Union both use some of our pamphlets."



"We present the law in everyday language," said Scott Weaver, director of Peoples Law School.

Peoples Law School was formed several years ago partially as a result of campus unrest.

"After the S.I. Hayakawa thing when people were getting their heads beat in and didn't know what to do," explained Weaver, "some third world people got a coalition together to inform people of their legal rights."

The Lawyer's Guild operated the group until it became independent in 1971.

"We spent $8,000 last year, half of which came from the sale of our literature," said Weaver. "The rest of the money we had to scrape for by sending out fund-raising letters and such. The people we assist really can't afford to help us. We're trying to increase our literature distribution so that we can become completely self-sufficient."

There are nine steady volunteers working at the school's office. Weaver, who's been with the school for two years, is the only full-time worker. He, too, is unpaid.

"A lot of people still see the law as myths," said Weaver, "totally independent of everything. We try to bring out the contradictions in the law. We want to make it the people's law."

Frank Nocerino hunts for ghosts in houses like this one. Photo-Ron Dell'Aquila

# Ghost hunters

**Marysue Smith**

She's alone in her apartment. Suddenly the bedroom door slams and heavy steps echo on the bare wood floor.

She throws open the door and switches on the light. No one.

She heads for the kitchen for a cup of coffee. The door slams again.

She might shrug and laugh it off.

Or she could turn to Frank Nocerino, psychic consultant, researcher into paranormal phenomena and teacher of parapsychology and hypnotism.

"Scares the hell out of you, but it's a lot of fun," Nocerino says of his psychic detective work.

His conclusions may seem dubious, but his stories make for extraordinary reading.

Nocerino and his researchers investigate strange events in houses upon request and without fee.

Nocerino says of parapsychology, "There are fantastic phenomena out there. I slept in some of the houses I was investigating and woke up in the morning bleeding all over from scratches."

According to Dal Brown, a researcher and husband of psychic medium Sylvia Brown, most psychic activity comes from "energy implants," the result of some traumatic event in a house. A murder, for example, can plant energy in certain spots and cause strange effects. Temperature changes, noises, objects moving and strange odors are all the result of an implant, according to Brown. They may also be caused by a poltergeist, channeled energy due to emotional stress that is often caused by a living person.

Nocerino says his group begins an investigation by tuning into vibrations in a house. They sense hot and cold spots in the house with "chakras," sensitive points in the body.

Afterwards, members of the group turn in written descriptions of their findings. No one is allowed to compare notes, and prior research is discouraged.

The group also uses photography to reveal blurred images of faces, lightening bolts, or bright blobs of light in an allegedly haunted house.

When he suspects a murder is linked to the haunting of a house, Nocerino asks the ghost, "Are you trying to tell me you didn't commit suicide, that you were murdered?"

"From then on," Nocerino says, "it's as if the wind died down. All phenomena cease."

In July, 1976, Nocerino and his group held a seance at the allegedly haunted Atherton House, 1990 California St.

Built in 1881, the house had a list of unusual past occupants that intrigued the researchers. George Atherton, an early resident, was rumored to have been delivered to the front door pickled in a barrel of rum. He had died on a ship at sea, and thoughtful sailors preserved him for a home burial.

To summon ghosts in the elaborate mansion, a seance was held around a candle-lit table in a darkened room. The darkness reduced the chance of strong reflections dulling the psychic photography.

Sylvia Brown went into a trance. Her words about the house's history, occupants, and current owners were recorded. What she said was verified by the owners, who were present.

In slides of the seance, the candle flame appeared notably enlarged and blurry. Bright globs of light hovered over the table. A tape recorder picked up sounds the group didn't hear, such as breathing and footsteps.

Author Antoinette May often joins Nocerino in his psychic explorations. May was a skeptic until ten years ago. Then, she had an out-of-the-body experience after nearly drowning and became convinced of the survival of the soul following physical death.

Last July, May decided to spend the night in the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose. She hoped to see the ghost of Sarah Winchester, widow of the son of the Winchester rifle manufacturer. Legend has it Sarah Winchester built the mansion to pacify the spirits of those killed by the rifles.

"One member of the group," says May, "saw apparitions of a couple who was guarding the room."

May did not see any apparitions, but did see what she calls "a spectral light show." She claims to have seen two large discs about the size of beach balls suddenly burst into many pieces. She also says she saw reflections on the wall that did not come from any object in the room.

Nocerino says haunted houses are not usually dangerous. Nonetheless, the researchers try to keep their wits about them at all times.

"If you don't," he says, "you can hallucinate, tumble over a railing, or fall down a staircase. When you hear footsteps coming right at you in a dark hall you either panic or light a cigarette and laugh."

Some people don't want to get rid of their houses' "ghosts;" they realize "ghosts" can create very lucrative real estate. One Oakland house owner plans to advertise his property in the Wall Street Journal as a haunted house.

Nocerino's advice for homebuyers: "Before you move into a house, spend the night in it. You may discover some things you hadn't bargained for."

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# Computerized security

**Robert B. Wardell**

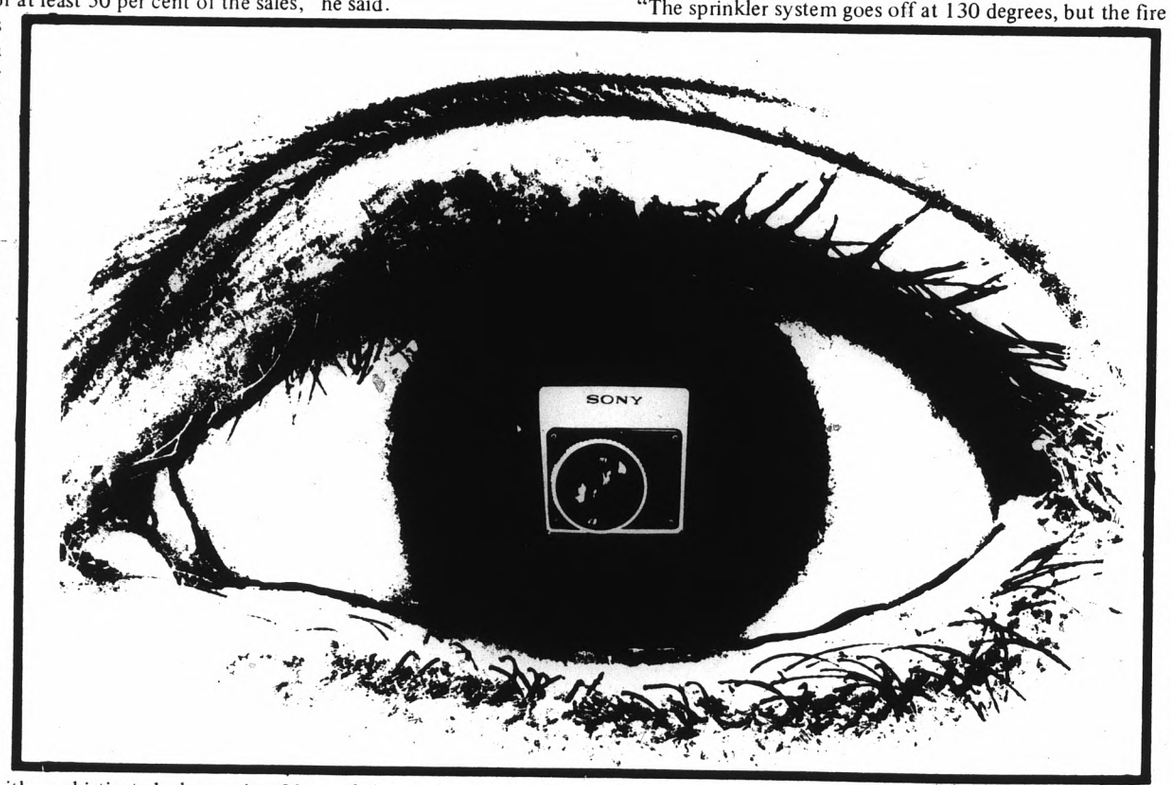
Residents of a plush East Bay condominium complex have borrowed from the future in order to cope with the present.

The beleaguered city dwellers at Gateview Hill in Albany have replaced their watchdogs and mace cans with a $250,000 computerized security system which scans their homes every six seconds.

The system is touted by sales literature as "the most highly developed life-safety security system on the West Coast."

According to system manager Steve Brooks, the security setup is a major selling point for the condominiums.

"It accounts for at least 50 per cent of the sales," he said.




The system is designed around a master computer which operates four separate alarms: fire, police, medical emergency and burglar.

Brooks claims his company, TOCOM (Total Communications Inc.), is the only one able to make such a system work.

"IBM put in two years trying and couldn't do it," he said.

Gateview's master computer is located in the complex's security office. The computer hardware lining the office walls does not have that futuristic look often associated with sophisticated electronics. Most of the equipment is contained in baked-enamel cabinets. Uniformed guards watch closed-circuit TV sets that display the six entrances to the complex.

Each of the 560 apartments in the complex has its own "mini-terminal" tying individual apartment alarms to the master computer.

These mini-terminals are scanned every six seconds to determine if an alarm has gone off. According to Brooks, when the scanner senses an alarm, it signals the computer teletype.

The teletype then prints out the type of alarm, its location, the resident's address, phone number and medical history. Guards respond to alarms themselves or call police, firemen or an ambulance.

In addition, the computer scans itself every two minutes to make sure it is in proper working order.

"The system has saved the life of one man already," said Brooks. "He was having a heart attack, pulled the alarm and collapsed. An ambulance responded within three minutes.

"So far there has been one attempted burglary. The security cops responded within 30 seconds," he said.

According to Brooks, the fire alarm is so sensitive burning toast could set it off.

"The sprinkler system goes off at 130 degrees, but the fire alarm would go off long before that," he said.

The mini-terminals are also scanned to see if they are functioning properly.

"People sometimes pull the plug out of the mini-terminals to clean house," he said, "which sends the guards on the chase."

The capabilities of the computer system go beyond alarm monitoring. According to Brooks, it has a capacity of receiving 32 TV channels, nine of which are now picked up and watched by the residents in their homes.

"We even have our own channel 13 that originates here," he said. "It has weather, UPI, and an information band for dance announcement and owners' meetings."

The computer can also print out how many people are watching TV and which channels are being watched. Brooks likened it to a Nielsen poll, but said "so far, no one has asked us about this aspect of the system."

According to Brooks, each mini-terminal is equipped with a special remote control unit for the TV. "In the near future," this unit will allow two-way communication with the computer and enable residents to vote in community elections, answer a poll or shop from stores located within the complex.

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